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May 2013 Edition***

### **From the President ...**

It's been a busy spring for me so far and unfortunately not much time for radio or building - I hope that is not the same for most of you. Currently there is not a program planned for the June meeting, so I encourage everyone to bring a project that you have done or are working on to share. Basically this is an Open Mike Day. If you don't have something, maybe you can bring some information on something you are planning or wanting to work on in the next year. Maybe you have a story about a contact you've made, an award you've recently earned, or you want to share about some other great radio adventure you've had. Be creative and come prepared to share if possible. If you have nothing, that is alright too. Maybe after listening to someone else you can think of something. I'm hoping we will also hear some stories from those that went to Dayton this year as well.

Field Day is coming up and I hope you will all consider how you can participate - hopefully with our club if possible. I know a lot of you belong to other clubs and are very involved with them on Field Day, which is great too. This year we

are hoping to kick-off our first Field Day. Tom (WM0SS), Larry (KB0R), John (KJ0P) and Russ (K0WFS) are heading up the team and trying to find a great location as this is the first BIG rock that needs to be placed. Please let them know if you know of a place - especially one that will let us operate overnight. They will be updating us at the June 1st meeting, so please come and be supportive of their work.

73 de chuck ka8hde

### **May Meeting Minutes**

Chuck, KA8HDE, presided at 1:30  
Introductions were made around the table. 25 were in attendance.

Minutes from April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available and will be approved at the June meeting.

Treasurer's report: We have about \$1,200 in our account. Also, a reminder that dues are currently "due" for the 2013 year.

### **Old Business:**

- Larry, KB0R, reported that they are looking at locations for Field Day. They have a possible site at Long Lake Park in New Brighton, but still need to get permits and find out if we can stay overnight. Looking to have a CW, SSB, and possibly GOTA station. Also looking into digital. \$300 was approved for expenses.
- Craig, AA0ZZ, reported that he, Mert, W0UFO, and Dave, W0RU, had a great time at OzarkCon in Branson, MO. He said he got some ideas for a case for his keyer from Dave Cripe, NM0S.

### **New Business:**

- The meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> will be in a different room – St. Albans Room, due to some scheduling conflicts at the Community Center. Also, as in the past, we will not have a July meeting, but will resume on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Thanks to Bob, K9OSC, and Russ, W0NBU, for bringing some free books to give out.

Business meeting was adjourned.

### **Show & Tell:**

- John, KJ0P, brought in his Ten Tec DC Receiver kit. It covers the 20M band, but comes with the parts for multiple bands. He attached a “Loud Mouth” speaker that he bought at the Buffalo Hamfest. He recommended it for a club build.



- Bob, K9OSC, brought in a straight key that he built from scrap wood. He also wrote an article for QRP Quarterly (Spring 2013) on the build. There are pictures on his website K9OSC.com.



- Rob, K0CD, brought in a QSL card that he received from China (BY5CD) during the CQ WW CW contest.

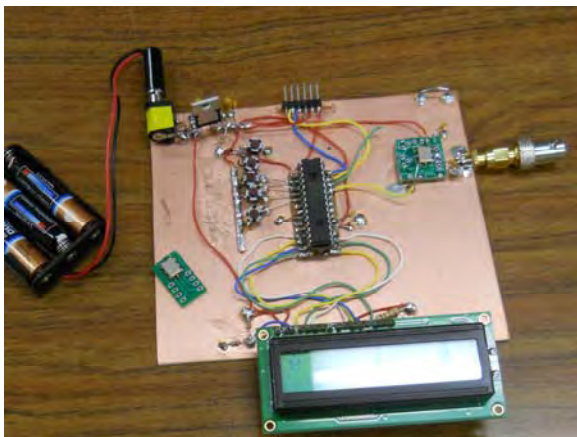


- Ralph, KC0TAY, brought in his new antenna for his HT. The antenna broke last month and someone in the club gave him a new one so that he could get back on the air.





- Craig, AA0ZZ, gave an update on his and Mert's, W0UFO, AM transceiver project. He is still working on the code and Mert is working on the transformer.



- Roy, AC7YZ, mentioned an online at [www.coursera.org/course/disasterprep](http://www.coursera.org/course/disasterprep) that will be beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a free course in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh. He has also taken others through this site and recommends it.
- Larry, KB0R, talked about his experience with ordering some new QSL cards from W4MPY, The QSL Man.

## **May Presentation:**

Tom, WM0SS, gave an interesting presentation on "The History of the Science of Radio." He focused on the era before 1900. You can see the video and PowerPoint presentation on the website [www.mn-arts.org](http://www.mn-arts.org).





Respectfully submitted,

Chuck, KA8HDE, for Steve, NW0C

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